

What is claimed is:

1. A propellant-free foamable aqueous composition capable of forming a stable foam when dispensed from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser and suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe comprising:

- (a) water;
- (b) surfactant; and
- (c) foam stabilizing agent.

2. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein water is present in an amount from about 70% to about 98% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

3. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 2, wherein water is present in an amount from about 80% to about 98% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

4. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 3, wherein water is present in an amount of about 90%, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

5. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, anionic surfactants and mixtures thereof.

05884063 063004

7. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 6, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount from about 5% to about 15% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

9. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 8, wherein polysorbate 20 is present in an amount from about 0.1% to about 2%, triethylamine-cocoyl glutamate is present in an amount from about 1% to about 15%, and disodium cocoamphodiacetate is present in an amount from about 1% to about 15% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

10. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 9, wherein polysorbate 20 is present in an amount of about 1%, triethylamine-cocoyl glutamate is present in an amount of about 5%, and disodium cocoamphodiacetate is present in an amount of about 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

11. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of natural and synthetic gums, polyalkylene glycols, alkylene polyols and combinations thereof.

12. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is present in an amount from about 0.10% to about 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

13. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 12, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is present in an amount from about 2% to about 4% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

14. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 11, wherein the foam stabilizing agent is a combination of glycerine, xanthan gum and polyethylene glycol 23M.

15. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 11, wherein alkylene polyols are present in an amount from about 0.1% to about 10%, gums are present in an amount from about 0.05% to about 1%, and polyalkylene glycols are present in an amount from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

09884053-00290-29048860

16. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 15, wherein alkylene polyols are present in an amount from about 3% to about 5% and gums are present in an amount of about 0.05% to about 0.15% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

17. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1 further comprising a preservative.

18. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 17, wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of methylparaben, propylparaben, DMDM hydantoin and iodopropynyl butylcarbamate and combinations thereof.

19. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 17, wherein the preservative is present in an amount from about 0.10% to about 1% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

20. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 19, wherein the preservative is present in an amount from about 0.40% to about 0.60% by weight, based on the total weight of the aqueous composition.

21. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1 further comprising a medicament.

05684052 062004

23. The propellant-free foamable aqueous composition according to claim 1 further comprising a constituent selected from the group consisting of lubricants, chelating agents, moisturizers, healing agents, fragrance, color and mixtures thereof.

25. A stable foam suitable for use as a vaginal or hemorrhoidal wipe agent formed by dispensing from a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser a propellant-free foamable aqueous composition.

27. A foam wipe kit comprising:

(a) a propellantless finger actuated mechanical pump dispenser containing a propellant-free foamable aqueous composition capable of forming a stable foam on dispensing; and

(b) a disposable substrate for receiving the stable foam.

09034053 062001